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## **KANSAS CITY-AREA STUDENTS TAKE ON THE SHRED CHALLENGE**

Students from three Kansas City-area high schools recently put their creativity to work in the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's annual Shred Challenge. The competition asks students to find ways to transform the unfit currency the Bank shreds every day into works of art that focus on a personal finance theme.

Following a finance lesson presented by Bank staff at area high schools, students were provided with \$800 in finely shredded currency and asked to create artwork that related to the theme: "Need dough? What are the essential ingredients to a successful financial future?" Once their art was complete, the students visited the Bank for a special tour and presented their work to a panel of Bank employees. This year's event included students from J.C. Harmon, Raymore-Peculiar and Washington high schools.

J.C. Harmon was chosen as the overall school winner, and the following individual students were also recognized:

- First place (\$100 savings bond): Xochitl Galves, J.C. Harmon High School
- Second place (\$75 savings bond): Brenna McLeod, Raymore-Peculiar High School
- Third place (\$50 savings bond): Julio Sanchez, J.C. Harmon High School
- Fourth place (\$25 savings bond): Selena Cano, J.C. Harmon High School
- Fifth place (\$25 savings bond): Rabriel Etier, Washington High School

More information about the Shred Challenge and how schools can participate is available at: <http://www.kansascityfed.org/education/foreducators/shred-challenge.cfm>.

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